

DRAFT MINUTES

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 1, 2008

Noon;V2:00 PM

93 Gooding Avenue, Suite 3

Bristol, RI 02809

Members Present: Liz Graves 1st Vice-Chairperson; Barbara Rozul, Treasurer; Don Phelps, Chairperson; Heidi Showstead, 2nd Vice-Chair ; Mary Wambach, LDA Chairperson.

Staff Present: Camille Pansa, Executive Director; Lisel Rockwood, Program Assistant

Interpretor: Carol Fay

1. Minutes of January 4, 2008: previously sent. A motion was made by Heidi Showstead to accept the minutes as read and seconded by Mary Wambach. Vote passed unanimously.

2. March 2008 Calendar: the quarterly meeting will be held on March 28th from 12pm jV 2:00pm.

3. Educational presentation for quarterly: Mary Wambach suggested having Leo Canuel introduce his two new staff members. She will contact him.

4. Donation of extra computer at office: It was decided to keep the extra computer at this time.

5. Disability Vote Project Convention: The second annual

convention will be held on March 12, 2008 from 9:30am-3:30pm. All council members are invited to attend.

6. Collaborative meeting February 13: issues to be discussed are as follows:

„« Evaluation of the State Plan

„« How can the Council support initiatives of the Centers

„« Consolidation of the five departments/where does SILC fit in

7. Open Meeting Law telecommunication accommodation waiver: Camille Pansa reviewed the new law governing Council meetings only. This will not affect committees. The law will take effect on February 22, 2008.

8. Disability History Week initiative/meeting with Rep. Naughton: Don Phelps, Mary Wambach, and Camille Pansa all spoke about the extremely positive meeting. Representative Naughton strongly supports this proposal and has agreed to write a draft resolution.

9. Updates/revised position papers: Mary Wambach will complete the positions papers prior to the March quarterly meeting.

10. Work plan and initiatives for 2008: Camille Pansa questioned

whether to continue with the present work plans. There is a meeting

with Judith Kapuscinski on February 22nd to discuss how to report the

initiatives in the 704 Report. The LDA is working on an advocacy workshop and the Disability History Week. A suggestion was made to

contact Bob Cooper for ideas concerning the community needs and how

the SILC could be supportive such as writing additional position papers.

11. Chairperson's Report: Don Phelps stated he appreciates the teamwork and contributions of this group. He was also pleased with the recognition given to the SILC by Ray Carroll at his retirement party, stating that the SILC was a "force to be reckoned with".

12. Executive Director's Report: Camille Pansa stated she appreciates the support of the Council Members who are able to attend events. She congratulated Mary Wambach for the large grant given to Corliss.

13. Finance Committee Report: previously sent. Financial statements and the final audit were distributed.

14. Leadership Development and Advocacy Committee Report: Mary Wambach stated that at the January meeting, a list of initiatives was written and a timeline was started for the Disability History Week initiative. James deBoer reviewed the legislative process and Heidi Showstead asked if a link for the Youth Leadership Forum could be placed on the SILC website.

15. Old Business/New Business/Incoming Mail: Camille Pansa stated she had received a letter, in response to our Share Living letter, from Senator Rhoda Perry offering her support. Mary Wambach offered to draft a letter to Governor Carcieri in response to an article in the Providence Journal concerning how the state could save millions by making seniors aware of their options, by providing supports

enabling them to stay at home, limiting the number of people in nursing homes. Mary Wambach stated that the DD Council has a new executive director who is interested in having a cross-disability coalition. Don Phelps will invite Steve Brunero (ORS Acting Deputy Administrator) to our quarterly meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Costa

Secretary